**Subject:** Chat with David G.
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**David**: So what's the latest? I've kinda been out of the game for a couple weeks... I saw Greenwald on Colbert, and noticed more and more press accurately reporting about the rise of the Anonymous phenomenon...
**David**: (I feel a bit like everything's gotten much bigger than me, and journalists like you have filled in any role I might have played back in '08...)
**me**: well
**me**: http://www.thetechherald.com/article.php/201109/6905/Anonymous-plans-defense-for-Bradley-Manning-promises-a-media-war
**me**: http://piratenpad.de/master
**David**: Yeah, I saw that. I like the idea. taking on the US Gov't will be tough... for them to relent would be a tacit endorsement for their people to violate their promise of confidentiality
**David**: I really respect Manning, consider him a hero with bigger balls than anyone I know, and it's a shame how he's being treated. Criminal, really. And winning that battle would basically win the information war.
**David**: basically, here, we're just saying 'Anonymous is a spotlight; try to behave in a manner that doesn't draw attention. Attention is drawn to gross injustice and unwarranted self-importance.'
**David**: which might be the simplest explanation I've ever heard for anonymous.
**David**: how closely are you working with Greenwald on the manning thing?
**me**: not very
**me**: we talk a bit
**me**: once in a while
**me**: I feed him things
**David**: there's a thread in SA's D&D forum about Greenwald's stuff on Manning. There's a thread at WWP about your work. I'd love to help co-ordinated action between you, greenwald, the WWP forums and the SA forums. I'm not in any official leadership position with any of 'em, but I have the ability to force issues...
**David**: I'm just not sure exactly what action I should be taking. I'd like to talk through some ideas if you're game...
**David**: (I can also bend gregg's ear as needed, but I don't think I hold all that much pull at present. If an idea is strong enough, though, his crew will listen)
**me**: actually
**me**: I would love that
**me**: I have some SA connex
**me**: but would like you better
**me**: do you know Dunkman?
**me**: he hangs on random

**me**: friend of my gf
**me**: saw him last night
**me**: plus some others
**David**: don't know 'em, but feel free to tell any of 'em to message me
**me**: I've never really dealt with any of them before recently
**David**: SA is basically the original source for anonymous. We used to do the ddos shit from the forums, back around '99
**David**: then the forums went legit
**David**: 4chan was founded by a goon
**David**: and the rest is history
**David**: but, like...
**David**: All Your Base began at SA.
**David**: one of the very first, most successful internet memes
**David**: and the admins decided to delete the thread and deny any involvement
**David**: and ban people that brought it up
**David**: so there's been this culture on SA for years that refuses to acknowledge it's 'little brother' 4 chan
**David**: the result is a highly educated, technically sophisticated, and very large community - that is cycnial and uninvolved
**David**: and I'm trying to break that groupthink, because I think they could serve as a sort of 'cavalry'
**David**: and I've had quite a bit of success, using the various news stories (wikileaks, internetk ill switch, hbgary, etc) along with my understanding of and history of involvement in chanology to make the case for an overarching narrative
**David**: a narrative of an information war that must reach a consensus or risk becoming a hot war.
**David**: basically, as I see it, you've got the ex-cold war people and the military industrial complex up against transparency/free speech fetishists
**David**: and newest generation - people in college today - are on the transparency side.
**David**: the 'digital natives'
**David**: and the war is playing out from there.
**David**: globally.
**David**: I see the digital divide as significant, as I expect the 'connected class' to replace the 'ruling class' within our lifetimes. But governments and corporations have to figure out how to tap into the 'cognitive surplus' for that to happen
**David**: Anonymous is the cognitive surplus begging to be involved in policy-making.
**David**: yeah... It's kind've a rambling, all-inclusive narrative. And yet, I can't turn on the TV or read a news article without seeing that narrative staring me in the face.
**David**: and most people just don't see it.
**me**: I can tell you
**me**: that you are entirely correct
**me**: and this will become more evident soon

**me**: note that the process, though
**me**: will require more along the lines of marblecake
**David**: yeah. But we need a strategy before anything....
**David**: the means is proven
**me**: well
**David**: the end-goal (and means of adjusting it as things progress) must be defined
**me**: it's sort of forming itself
**David**: yeah, that's what's so amazing.
**me**: by which I mean the cerebral cortex
**David**: yes :)
**David**: I've been pushing the consciousness analogy since '08. My background is philosophy of mind, psychology, and cog sci
**David**: I have a neuroscientists and a philosopher (specializing in consciousness) that I found on SA working with me as a team
**David**: http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Internet-Prophet/104989272889993
**me**: you should e-mail me robinsonchicago@gmail.com
**me**: tell him a bit about yourself
**me**: he will send you documents
**me**: then I'll get back to regarding the virtual republic
**me**: and the Tunisian framework
**me**: brb cig
**David**: awesome.
**David**: (coo)
**David**: The thing people don't realize about this emerging consciousness is that it's only as smart (or moral) as the consensus position. And the consensus position is shaped by the participants. So people that leave Anonymous to the channers are sacrificing their future by refusing to get involved in shaping the outcome.
**David**: I have worked out anthropological 'rules' of Anonymous, working with Michael Wesch. It's a complete revolution in terms of what is regarded as 'right', 'just', 'polite', and 'obscene.' These terms themselves are being changed. And that's the 'culture war' aspect of the whole event.
**David**: (there's an 'information war' aspect, a 'culture war' aspect, and a 'class war' aspect. The solution isn't for any one side to 'win', it's for a consensus to be reached, a synthesis between thesis and antithesis)
**me**: I do agree, to some extent
**me**: but from where I sit
**me**: I see the process that will be required to create the group consciousness in which all have equal capabilities within the new process, the new Anon
**me**: we have intel
**me**: as such
**me**: we have secrets
**me**: as such

**me**: we have people with more "power" than others
**me**: this is a dangerous phase
**me**: and it must be finished with quickly
**me**: the solution, I think
**me**: or at least a partial remedy
**me**: will be software network akin to others
**me**: such as Project PM is creating
**me**: even then
**me**: there will still be centers of "power," I think
**me**: This is something that's very difficult
**me**: that we have to solve soon
**me**: we've just been busy
**me**: and ironically
**me**: it will have to be solved by the elite
**me**: luckily, our elite is trustworthy
**me**: it's a technocratic, ethical elite
**David**: I agree with that
**David**: how much background do you have in cog sci/consciousness studies/philosophy of mind?
**me**: I have no formal educational background after high school
**me**: I am mostly self-taught
**me**: still
**David**: cool
**me**: I have managed to absorb some of it
**me**: through some good books
**David**: I respect self-taught. I'm askin' for a self-evaluation, not credentials
**me**: and good contacts
**me**: well
**me**: thing is
**David**: which books, which contacts?
**me**: well
**me**: I read the Seven Mysteries of Life
**me**: a long time ago
**me**: a lot of books on the mind
**me**: I have several dealing with the nature of consciousness that I have meant to read
**David**: Pinker? Dennett?
**me**: basically
**me**: don't remember
**David**: okay
**me**: I believe I have a deficit in consciousness theory
**me**: I am more like McCluhan
**David**: (this is my area of expertise... largely self-taught myself, only have a BA)

**me**: I am more focused on the nature of media, information, heuristics
**me**: black swan, etc
**me**: that's why I'm so happy to destroy our institutions
**David**: information is absolutely key to the whole thing. That's what most philosophers of consciousness fail to see.
**me**: because they will destroy us
**David**: gives you a leg up on many.
**me**: I will admit to having a leg up on many, yes
**me**: but
**me**: note that I know no physics
**me**: or math
**me**: I do understand some math theory
**me**: like
**me**: well
**David**: I don't suppose you ever travel anywhere near chicago, do you?
**me**: I shouldn't go that far
**me**: I will be living in New York again soon
**me**: and Clark Robinson, my second-in-command
**me**: is in Chicago
**me**: the one you should e-mail for the docs
**me**: he's a retired lawyer
**David**: awesome. I'm halfway through composing my e-mail to clark.
**me**: very ethical
**David**: awesome
**me**: good
**David**: (I took the lsat once... scored 167... I can relate to lawyers)
**me**: I don't know how long I'll be a "free man," though
**me**: but if things work out, I will have lots of money soon
**David**: you think they're gunna come for you?
**me**: and will be happy to visit
**me**: during warm seasons, of course
**me**: well
**me**: we hear thing
**David**: I'd love to meet up sometime, I think I have information that could prove useful.
**me**: we have channels
**David**: if they bust you, what do you imagine they'd get you on?
**me**: you have to understand
**me**: that beyond Anon
**me**: and Project PM
**me**: I have an informal nameless network
**me**: any number of things
**me**: I was a common criminal

**me**: still have warrants
**David**: which is to say, you're from the oppressed class
**me**: they probably don't know I used to sell weed
**me**: but I hope they do
**me**: because I want them to getme on that
**David**: it's funny, I see the weed legalization issue as tying into this narrative in a very key way
**David**: most people still think that's distinct.
**me**: I also have things on this laptp
**me**: it;'s not
**me**: it's central
**David**: agreed.
**me**: it's a perfect symptom,even affliction, of the system
**David**: if I ever get busted, it's gunna be for possession. I don't sell though.
**me**: that cannot be corrected through "reform"
**David**: yeah
**me**: or otherwise through the system itself
**me**: as I said the other day
**me**: Anonymous is a process at war with a system.
**me**: Even more so
**me**: the system arose in a different environment
**me**: it is not fit
**me**: in the evolutionary sense
**me**: and we are seeing that now
**me**: you and I and increasingly others
**me**: and good
**me**: because unless this system is destroyed
**me**: humanity could end
**David**: are you familiar with the thesis-antithesis-synthesis model?
**me**: it could end anyway
**me**: I am familiar with the concept in metaphysics and thus its expressions in theology and other manifestations of human nice-tries
**me**: but not really
**me**: not in the context you mean
**me**: or maybe I am
**me**: some things I know without knowing the terms for them
**David**: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thesis,_antithesis,_synthesis
**David**: think of thesis-antithesis pairs right now
**David**: collectivism and individualism
**David**: anonymous is the synthesis
**David**: america-is-awesome vs. america-is-the-great-satan
**David**: anonymous is the synthesis
**David**: transparency vs. privacy rights

**me**: hmmm
**David**: anonymous is the synthesis
**me**: you're right
**me**: anarcho-technocracy
**me**: could be the same
**me**: a more nuanced, evolved version of Anon
**David**: libertarianism vs. socialism - anon is the synthesis
**David**: yes
**me**: yes
**me**: I am supposed to talk to Radon soon
**me**: he's been in Dubai
**me**: I have recruited Barry Eisler for the project
**me**: and offered a role to Bruce Sterling
**me**: I had to get off opiates for past ten days
**me**: but can now move on this
**me**: expect more info on this within next few days
**David**: cool.
**David**: I just sent you a pic of me 'n my family over christmas break that I thought you'd find hilarious.
**me**: lol
**me**: just like the Masons
**David**: anyhow, I'm not a media guy, and I'm not technically sophisticated, and I don't have a blog. But I think you can see I have some skills, talents and knowledge that should be useful. I'm trying to find a way to make myself valuable... and if you can think of anything I'd be useful for, let me know.
**me**: I need you
**me**: for certain things
**me**: I need someone to work with me on a lot of these things
**me**: and to prepare to take some over in case I am incarcerated
**me**: and it has to be an Anon
**me**: and so you're perfect
**David**: good. Also, one warning (which shouldn't surprise you, coming from anon) - I will play devil's advocate. I will disagree and make as strong an argument against you as possible. I do so not to push my own agenda, but to make sure the consensus we reach is strong enough to survive and win.
**me**: absolutely
**me**: that's what I want
**me**: I have no yes-men
**David**: good. Me too.
**David**: yeah, marblecake's irc channel is a bit groupthinky for me.
**David**: rof, in particular, seems to be all about the class war.
**me**: I've never been there

**me**: are they the anti-Housh crew?
**David**: personally, I see the class war forming - and I'm totally on the side of the underclass - but I see the 'good' that Anon can accomplish is to prevent the class war.
**me**: yes
**David**: no, Housh is there.
**me**: the class war must be between the technocrats and those who are above us
**me**: it must not be poor versus rich
**me**: it must be erudite versus the mediocre powerful
**me**: that's my current take, anyway
**me**: remember that I do not have plans
**me**: but contingencies
**me**: based on events
**me**: I aim to be a process rather than an institution
**me**: just like Anon
**David**: I agree completely.
**David**: like I said... there's the ruling class and the underclass...
**David**: always has been, always will be
**David**: but the ruling class has gone through a series of expansions
**me**: you mean the creative class?
**me**: joining them?
**me**: and gaining soft power?
**me**: or something else?
**David**: from creating a parliament (undermining the monarch)
**me**: oic
**David**: to creating a 'middle class' (wealthy business class with influence)
**David**: it goes through expansions.
**David**: right now, the ruling class is not a cabal, it's not a massive conspiracy...
**David**: but it's still a small, insular group
**David**: and the task of ruling is too great for them
**me**: yes
**David**: there's in-fighting, and there's price fixing. there's competition, and there's cooperation (both overt and covert)
**David**: but they are ignoring the will of the people
**me**: they do not properly promote talent
**David**: and the two political parties have subverted things
**David**: (dem vs. rep - anon is the synthesis)
**David**: yes. It's not a meritocracy.
**me**: if the interior folks were of higher caliber
**me**: I would support them
**David**: meritocracy really only happens when building out of major depressions, I think
**me**: perhaps
**me**: hmm

**David**: we need a meritocracy, at least for a decade, to dig out of the mess that's been made
**me**: interesting hypothesiss
**me**: yes
**David**: and what this all boils down to
**David**: is tapping into the cognitive surplus
**me**: anarcho-meritocracy
**David**: (as described by Clay Shirky)
**me**: Anon has show it to work
**David**: right.
**me**: and we did so slapdash
**me**: imagine another Anon
**David**: but how, exactly, do corporations and governments tap into that massive pool of talent?
**me**: they don't do it with efficiency
**David**: trust is currency.
**David**: that's the key to the solution.
**David**: skepticism fits in here
**me**: yes
**me**: exactly
**David**: as skeptics are significantly more trustworthy.
**me**: ebb and flow of relationships
**me**: as well
**me**: that is what it is, Anon
**me**: trust, respect
**David**: and the internet gives us so much information, skepticism is the only meaningful, useful means of using such a wealth of conflicting data.
**David**: yes. Criticizing and arguing with a person is a show of respect.
**David**: which is a value that runs directly contrary to the status quo
**David**: that's one more revolution
**me**: yes
**me**: I was telling NBC
**me**: Isikoff
**me**: same thing
**me**: when they came last week
**David**: awesome :)
**David**: I have read some of your stuff, I really dig it. Of all the writers I've read, I think you're the closest to seeing things as I do
**me**: "In Anonymous, we can go up to the people who run shit and tell them off"
**me**: "Can you do that at NBC, sweethearts?"
**David**: speaking truth to power :)
**me**: they dug it
**me**: they love us

**David**: yeah
**me**: just like the poster we did
**David**: which poster is that?
**me**: http://i.imgur.com/n0JSY.jpg
**David**: that is fantastic.
**me**: a certain sort of person
**me**: comes to us
**me**: another sort supports us
**me**: another sort is our enem
**me**: many are not smart enough to fear us, of course
**David**: are you familiar with the california f-scale (a personality psychology test)?
**me**: one only fears their superiors if they are wise enough to do so
**me**: nope
**David**: http://psychology.wikia.com/wiki/California_F_Scale
**David**: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Locus_of_control locus of control is significant here too.
**me**: well, I'm certainly familiar with the sort
**David**: we can actually evaluate the sorts of people that fit each of those categories you've described. THAT'S 'self-awareness'
**me**: yes
**me**: we now can especially
**me**: although we can also do so merely by observing
**David**: yeah.
**me**: it is easy to figure out who needs to be stripped of power and who must be elevated
**me**: if one is of the other type
**David**: I will say... I'm from a libertarian background, and still consider myself a libertarian (though I recognize my writing resembles marx more than rand)...
**me**: I'm from same
**me**: now anarchist
**David**: I'm not comfortable with the FCC 'solving' the net neutrality issue.
**David**: though I know it needs to be resolved.
**me**: neither am I
**David**: I'm an anarchist too... but I don't think people understand what I mean by it
**David**: it's not that I want there to be no government
**me**: I am only comfortable with pressure applied by a technocratic voluntary brigade
**David**: it's that the very concept of Legitimate Authority - that which you are morally obligated to obey - is bunk
**David**: no such thing exists
**me**: intended to prevent any initiation of force
**David**: so any government that claims Legitimate Authority is full of shit
**me**: of course
**David**: I'm an anarchist insofar as I reject LA
**me**: from where would such authority derive?

**me**: right
**David**: but I believe there can be legitimate (lower-case 'l') government (lower-case 'g').
**me**: sure
**me**: I don't mind a little government
**me**: or a little smack for that matter
**David**: basically... any sustainable organization of people that serve the needs of the people.
**me**: it's just hard to keep the habit down
**David**: yeah
**me**: and society has addictive genes
**David**: yeah
**David**: what would really win the war for us
**David**: would be comcast and at&t siding with anonymous, telling the MPAA and RIAA to fuck off, doing nothing to filter, block, monitor or throttle traffic
**David**: and if they want to charge varying tiers of service in terms of download speeds, more power to 'em (so far as I'm concerned)
**me**: well
**me**: we may have some aces
**David**: and if they explicitly state that they will not comply with any government requests to filter, block, monitor or throttle traffic, all teh better
**me**: think about how nice it would be for, say, Tunisia, to cooperate
**David**: (child porn being an issue to dealt with, which gets into another fundamental issue in society - our prudish refusal to acknowledge our own sexual nature, producing a lot of fucked up fetishes, some of which harm people)
**me**: yeah, child porn is the thin wedge
**David**: 'think of the children' killed socrates.
**me**: that will be used to censor internet further
**me**: of course
**David**: (the actual charge was 'corrupting the youth.' The current revolution is socrates' revenge.)
**me**: at this point
**me**: I feel sorry for the fucking politician who proposes any internet clampdown, however it's phrased
**David**: definitely.
**David**: Egypt did us a HUGE favor.
**me**: absolutely
**me**: read my last couple Skeptical Inquirer columns
**me**: it did me a pretty good favor too
**me**: oops, about to change locations
**me**: talk later
**David**: by pulling the plug on the 'net, then (the gov't) losing spectacularly (and, to a large extent, to peaceful protests), they killed the 'internet kill switch' effort
**David**: cool,. Look forward to talking more.